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Zimmerman Takes the Helm

by Greg Epp

The Shaker Heights Board of Education this June named Charles A. Zimmerman to replace Paul Murphy as high school principal. Mr. Murphy left the post in June to serve as the school system's assistant treasurer. Mr. Zimmerman, assistant principal under Mr. Murphy and an administrator for 11 of his 14 years at Shaker Heights High School, was chosen from a field of 62 candidates for the position.

It is hoped that Mr. Zimmerman will provide the stability of leadership long needed at Shaker High, where principal's terms have been notably brief in recent years. The new principals' extensive experience at the high school and his familiarity with the faculty have been cited as major assets for the establishment of an enduring and effective administration.

Mr. Zimmerman said that he does not view the role of a principal as that of a disciplinarian but as that of an educational leader. "My job as principal of this school," he said, "is to facilitate the acquisition by the students of the best possible education." In attaining that end, Mr. Zimmerman is very concerned with the development of Shaker's curriculum. He believes that the curriculum is crucial in the determination not only of the quality of education but also of the students' attitude towards the school. "If we get the kids interested through the curriculum, we'll have fewer other problems," explained Mr. Zimmerman.

One of the new principal's primary objectives is to establish good relations and communications with the student body and with student leaders. Mr. Zimmerman met with Student Council officers and the editors-in-chief of The Shakerite August 15 to become acquainted and discuss issues and ideas. Similar leadership meetings are expected to continue throughout the school year.

No major procedural changes are being planned under the new administration; Mr. Zimmerman intends to concentrate on maintaining and strengthening the programs and policy already in force. "At this time," he stated, "the solidification of leadership is more important than anything else."

Mr. Zimmerman came to Shaker High in 1965 as a guidance counselor. He spent three years as counselor to the male half of the class of 1968. After taking advanced study in administration at John Carroll University, he was appointed assistant principal of the high school. He became a dean a year later when a multiple house administrative plan was adopted, and remained in that capacity until the three-unit system now in use was introduced two years ago. He was then made assistant principal.

Charles A. Zimmerman

A 1954 graduate of Mt. Union College, Mr. Zimmerman holds a Master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Toledo earned

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Council Ready

by Liffie Sopher

Student Council will be starting quickly this fall. Annora Marcus, Student Council President, spent many hours during the summer revising the constitution, planning activities, and thinking of ways to improve Council. Annora and Dennis Hogue, Student Council Adviser, want to stress that this year participation is the key. They also hope to improve harmony within Council and with the administration, the faculty, and the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Councils.

So that she and Alana Spero, Student Council Vice President, can work more effectively with Shaker's large 80-person Council, Annora has made a few changes in the Student Council Constitution. The constitution, which is the Council's rules of order, has been revised to toughen attendance, tardiness, and discipline standards. The new rules, however, have yet to be sent to the rules committee and voted on by the entire Council.

Annora will expect a lot of Homeroom Representatives during the year. Primarily, they must be in Student Council because they want to participate, not to escape class. They must work hard and not waste time. Annora hopes that all representatives will be ready to listen to new ideas, express their own ideas, and convey the concerns and suggestions of their peers at meetings.

Several activities have already been planned for the fall and winter including an October 5 carnation sale, the carnival on October 19, and School Spirit Week in February. In previous years, dances for the entire year had been planned during the summer; it will be different this year. Activities will be put on the calendar only a month ahead, and the number of dances will be lessened. Socials will be more carefully planned this year to appeal to a larger and more diverse group of students.

Student Council will contain eight committees with chairpersons elected by the Council. These committees include the Civics committee, which governs elections, the Rules Committee, which will take on the duties of Students' Rights and Responsibilities, the Liaison Committee, the Welfare Committee, Social Committee, Publicity, and the Student Exchange Committee. The Assembly Seminar will be reestablished to bring speakers and performing groups to Shaker and to plan activities such as Career Day. The committee heads will make up the Student Council Cabinet.

Elections for homeroom representatives will be held during the first two weeks of school so that committees can be formed and plans for the carnival can get underway.

Opinion

Drivers' Education Needs Improvement

By Debby Michelson

Taking a drivers' education course at one's high school has its advantages. The course offered through the school is less costly than private lessons. Arrangements for in-car driving instructions can be made to fit even the busiest person's schedule; there are sessions during the day, after school, and even at night from seven-thirty to nine-thirty. Although there are many advantages in having this course, the program could be vastly improved at Shaker.

In my experience, one of the most annoying things about the course was the tardiness of the instructor. There were times when he was up to twenty minutes late. Several times he did not even show up for class. It would certainly improve the class if the instructor came on time – every time.

When the teacher did come, he wasted considerable amounts of time. He spent the first half hour taking attendance and organizing the notes on his desk. He unnecessarily repeated all the points made in both the movies we saw each day and their accompanying booklets. He further wasted time by giving tests which the students never saw again.

The most preposterous thing about the entire class was the 20-page typewritten report (30-page handwritten) that was required of each student. This is an excessive amount of work for a drivers' ed. course. Many of these reports were seemingly not even read. I know of one case in which two people in the same class handed in the same report. This same report was passed on to friends and relatives and is still alive and well. Instead of such a long report where most people copy from encyclopedias, magazines, and other students, it might be a good idea to cover the material during class. If the instructor thought it was important to have some written work handed in from students, then each one could do a two or three-page report on a specialized subject related to driving.

Drivers' Education is very important and should be looked upon seriously because it is supposed to prepare people for driving and all the problems that can arise while driving. The Drivers' Ed. program should, therefore, be improved so that all drivers will be prepared to drive safely and responsibly.

Submit Creative Work

The SHAKERITE is planning to put out a literary issue this fall. If you are an artist, a writer, or a poet, submit your work to the SHAKERITE by September 14. All drawings should be in black ink. For more information, contact Burton Randall in Room 100, Virginia Harding, Eric Shaffer, or Liffie Sopher.

Opinion

Up With Career Education

By Eric Shaffer

A high school student should have the opportunity to investigate various professions so that he will be better prepared to choose his own career. For this reason I endorse the Career Development Program, and encourage its growth and expansion. The program does not attempt to steer students in any direction, nor does it pretend to gauge a student's interests and interpret them in terms of careers. It simply provides the experience or the information for students to utilize. This is a good approach because the student is free to look into different careers at his leisure.

Although the Career Development Program (CDP) is yet in its early stages in Shaker, several projects are underway which I think will be valuable to students in the future. A Career Resource Center in the high school library, complete with information on all types of professions and jobs, will be open to students this fall. The center will provide an excellent opportunity for students to browse and learn about a variety of fields. A Career Exploration Day, during which students go into a law office, a research lab, or another place of employment, is being planned for this year. Because the real thing is so often quite different from what one imagines, I think this is one of the CDP's better projects. The "Is There Life After High School?" program, in its second year, is a two-night affair including a college-career fair and several workshops and seminars on careers. It was a success in its first year, yet I think it would be more successful if it were extended to three or four nights, or held twice yearly so that students could get more out of it and more students could be involved. Career Day, also coming off its first year at Shaker, gives students a chance to listen to and speak with representatives from numerous professions. Hearing the opinions and attitudes of people in certain fields often helps students more than the information on those fields can.

The CDP is an excellent program, although I think that some of their projects would be even more effective if they were available earlier. In particular the Career Resource Center would be a good thing to have in the junior high schools. Also the College-Career fair could be aimed more at ninth and tenth graders through publicity and the usual means of encouragement. The fair might help the students to plan their high school curriculum if offered at that time. Career Day is a practical idea, and I would like to suggest that speakers come into classes whose subject matter is related to their occupations. Speakers could also visit in representation of their professions much as college representatives do in the library throughout the year.

Career Education is an important part of the educational process in a society where the average person changes careers three times in the course of his life.+ Students should be relatively knowledgeable on the general nature of a wide range of occupations so that they can decide more readily what field to go into. Personal experience is the best way to judge one's career interests, yet the encouragement and motivation should be a part of the curriculum in secondary school. Shaker has long been in needs of a program such as the CDP, and it should be considered an asset to the student body. +Bureau of Labor Statistics

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My Trip to Germany

By Katherine Kennard

Twelve Shaker students mustered their strength and rose early in June 27. We were to spend 31 hours in transit to Goslar, Germany. Those miserable hours were the worst of the three-and-one-half-week trip.

It is hard to explain three and one-half weeks to anyone. All the experiences, jokes, terror-stricken moments, confusion, and good-bye tears form an imcomprehensible story. One would mention the highlights, but then the highlights for one exchange student are different from those of another. Technically, the trip highlights were a list of group activities including a hike in the mountains, a bus tour of the mountains, a trip to Hannover, a look at the oldest working silver mine in the world, and travels to West and East Berlin. Not on that list was the everyday adventure of living with strangers, making friends, speaking a foreign language, and just being in a different culture.

Most of us were not fully prepared to speak fluent German. Half of the group had completed first-year German, four were in the second-year class, and three had only been tutored for a short time by Frau Hoffmann; therefore, confusion was a most natural feeling by the end of the trip. To make things easier, the German students at the Ratsgymnasium tried to speak English to us. By the way, the Ratsgymnasium is not a sports club for rodents, but rather the city school for the academics.

One of the major shocks and delightful problems was the meal schedules and food. Someone, somewhere, in extolling French pastry, forgot German baked goods. Because our noon meal was usually served at 2:00, and breakfast at 7:00, we often cut classes to visit the bakeries. To top that off, Germans enjoy tea in the afternoon with more bakery or homemade cakes or strudel. Of course we cannot forget supper, served between 6:00 and 9:00, which consisted of bread, coldcuts, and cheese.

The driving age in Germany is 18. Germans drive fast, but they are safer drivers than Americans. They must take 50 driving lessons, each costing about $10.00. Cars are expensive, and gasoline costs $2.50 a gallon. Therefore, in many ways, driving is restricted; but getting around is easier there. There are many corner stores in the residential areas of Goslar, there are bus systems, and things are closer together than in America. Motorcycles, bicycles, and feet are generally used and accepted in Germany.

There are many stories, memories, and pictures for all of us who went to Germany. Traveling in Europe is a great experience, and living there an even better one.

We Are The Shaker Raider Cheerleaders

by Cheryl Morgan

Have you heard of The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders? Well, now at Shaker Heights High School we have The Shaker Raiders Cheerleaders!

The Shaker Raiders Cheerleaders are a group of seven talented girls dedicated to exorcising the apathy that is rooted in the minds of our student body. Besides reviving Shaker's school spirit, the Cheerleaders aim is to make the Student Body, Administration, and residents of Shaker proud that they are representing our outstanding school system.

The new squad consists of three juniors: Tracey Hickson, Laura Cooper and Carmella France (78-79). The four seniors are: Julie Boyland, captain, who has been a cheerleader for three consecutive years, Lori Bloodsaw (78-79), Brenda Clark and Alana Spero. (Too bad, gentlemen, your sex isn't represented this season.)

To say the least, these girls have already begun to have memorable experiences of their 79-80 season. These experiences range from having a tear gas bomb dropped on their campsite in Indiana, to riding the rapid at 7:30 a.m. in their pajamas as an initiation rite.

The Shaker Raiders Cheerleaders seem as if they are going to be very "hot" this season. The only matter is whether or not they can live up to it. Can they? "Yes, we have the determination to fulfill our expectations," says Lori Bloodsaw, "but much depends upon the response of the Student Body."

Renovation Continues

by Wendy Weitzner

Many areas of Shaker Heights High School have been and still are under construction. One of the more extensive remodeling projects is the work being done in the Physical Education department. To eliminate peeling paint, both gym ceilings have been painted. In the boys' gym, a coaches' room is being built, complete with a window from which coaches can observe the gym. A training room is being installed, which will contain a whirlpool with access from the boys' locker room, and a separate entrance for the girls. The whirlpool will be used for athletes who have an injury which requires the therapeutic use of a whirlpool. The offices, which previously lined one wall, will now be used for storage of athletic equipment.

In the locker rooms, the ceilings are being plastered and painted. New shower fixtures will be installed, and the ceilings of the shower rooms are being painted.

The pool area has also been under construction. The ceiling has been lowered in the area above the pool, improving the acoustics and making it easier to replace the tiles above the pool. The pool itself is being cleaned and recaulked.

Terrific Trivia

by Craig Beresford

1. What is the name of the spaceship in Alien?
2. What is Maxwell Smart's code number?
3. Who was the only actor to appear in all four Airport movies?
4. Who is the station manager at WKRP in Cincinnati?
5. What American League baseball team holds the single-season attendance record?
6. What is the name of Underdog's girlfriend?
7. What was John Wayne's real name?
8. In 2001: A Space Odyssey, what is the name of the computer aboard the Discovery?
9. Who provides the voice for Charlie on Charlie's Angels?
10. Who is Bill Overend?
11. What is the name of the Bumsteads' dog?
12. What is the only position in baseball not mentioned in Abbott and Costello's Who's on First routine?
13. What is the name of Count Dracula's bug-eating henchman?
14. Who is the office boy at the Daily Planet?
15. What are the names of the two old geezers who heckle The Muppet Show?
16. What television character was married to Donald Penobscott?
17. Who played Captain Jeffrey T. Spaulding?
18. How many films has Godzilla appeared in?
19. What are the names of the two rival gangs in West Side Story?
20. What is the name of Sherlock Holmes' landlady?

Field Hockey Looks to States

By Miriam Pickus

Last year's girls' field hockey team had a fantastic 19-1-1 record. This year, the girls hope for continued success. The 1978 squad placed second in the state, losing their only game in the finals of the state tournament. For the 1979 team to surpass such an impressive season's record, they have to play 11 teams, all of which will be trying especially hard to beat Shaker.

Shaker's rivals include Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Laurel, Hathaway Brown, and Hawken. These five teams are always formidable opponents. Only the Laurel game will be played at home. The other teams to be faced during the regular season are Woodridge Academy, Andrews, and Kirtland, all to be played away, and Madison and Cleveland Heights at home.

This year, for the first time ever, there will be a state tournament sponsored by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Last year's tournament was an invitational tournament sponsored by field hockey coaches of Ohio colleges. To get to the state tournament this fall, Shaker has to win its Sectional Districts.

The girls are optimistic because they lost only four seniors from last year. The entire line, which scored 53 goals last year, is returning intact. Both starting fullbacks and one starting halfback were lost to graduation from a defense which gave up only 11 goals in 21 games. The returning goalie and halfbacks will be important early in the season to keep the defense together.

Many of the stickers went to a field hockey camp in Michigan this summer to sharpen their skills. Practice started a week before school to organize for the September 18 opener against Woodridge Academy. Varsity Coach Linda Betley, who was instrumental in getting the OHSAA to sponsor the field hockey tournament, and assistant coach Mary Ellen Leuty feel that another successful season is possible with hard work.

With only three home games this season, there is only limited time to see this potential championship team in action. The girls hope for much fan support in their quest for the number one berth.

New Season for Netters

By Sue Jackson

One of the least publicized of Shaker's sports is girls' tennis. It isn't much of a spectator sport, so people rarely come to watch the matches. Nonetheless, girls' tennis is important. As a matter of fact, it helped Shaker get the Principal's Cup last year, and, it is hoped, will do the same this year.

Girls' tennis is a fairly new sport at Shaker, but the girls have done well in the league. Although they don't have practices in late August like some of the other teams, they work on their own during the summer and are ready to go out and beat the other teams by the time matches begin in mid-September. Last year the girls did better than any previous year, and they hope to win even more matches this year. The competition this year is going to be tough; but after losing only two seniors, Shaker should still have a strong girls' tennis team.

Tennis is different from other team sports because the players are playing not only to win for the team but also to win for themselves. This truly inspires them to go out and beat their opponents. The players really want to win and they want to get revenge for the matches that were lost the year before.

A big factor affecting the matches is the weather. Many matches were postponed last year because of either rain or cold. Maybe this year winter will hold off and let the girls finish in top form. They're out to win this year and as long as it stays warm and the team doesn't lose any players to the boys' team, they should have a great season.

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Good Outlook for Football

By Macke Bentley

The Shaker Heights High School 1979-80 Football team has a good chance at winning the Lake Erie League championship, says Coach Al Raymond. "Good talent and hard working kids are all it takes and we've got both", says the veteran coach. The team has a solid nucleus consisting of 11 returning players.

This year's team consists of very talented athletes, one of the best being Orlando Lowry. Lowry is the only three-year starter on the team who has made quite a name for himself. The rest of the experience comes from returning starters Robert Williams, quarterback, Kendall Ivey, defensive end, Keith Williams, linebacker, Blake Martin, center, Danny White, tackle, Terry Thomas, running back, Kenny Fritz, defensive backfield, Al Sutton, fullback, Joe Bordonero, linebacker and Mike Berg place kicker, punter.

Coach Raymond sayss that to fill the open spots he has good talent in Rammy Gold, Dereck Pender, Billy Bertman, Ken Dixon, Rodger Simmons, Dan Winkelman, Matt Crouch, Craig Fitzpatrick and Alan Tomlinson.

Last year the Junior Varsity team completed the season undefeated, and they will contribute greatly to the winning effort. Some junior hopefuls are Don Stiggers, Scott Whitley, Ricky Perry, James Tait, Mark Viola, Darryl Wilson, Edward Gentry, Don Krassenstein, Teddy Lefridge and Phil Ellison.

Set for Volleyball

By Hilary Beard and Kristen Van Valkenburg

The members of the 1979 Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team will have their work cut out for them. The team's success will rest upon the shoulders of the seven returning players: Ellen McWilliams, Hilary Beard, Chris Hill, Leslie Brown, Kathy Swartzbaugh, Sue Tipton, and Sandy Lee.

Ellen and Hilary, who are both three-year starters, and Leslie, who joined the varsity squad last year as a member of the tournament team, are returning as seniors.

Chris, Kathy, and Sue, who are returning as juniors, earned starting positions on the varsity team last year. Sandy, also a junior, joined during the tournament season.

The team's coach, Lucille Burkett, has always stressed the point that team spirit is just as important as winning - although winning helps. Under her direction, the 1979 girls' varsity volleyball team has a great chance of winning the state championship.

Mr. Zimmerman

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under a grant in 1964. After graduating from college, he spent five years as a military pilot in the Marine Corps, serving mainly at El Toro Marine Base in Orange County, California, and traveling a great deal. He worked one year as a sales representative for Tremco Manufacturing Company and Goodyear before shifting to the education field. Mr. Zimmerman taught and coached at Eastwood High School near Bowling Green, Ohio, from 1959 through 1963. Following his fourth year there, he was appointed Guidance Co-ordinator for the entire Eastwood school system. He was hired at Shaker one year later.

Trivia Answers

by Craig Beresford

Answers to the trivia quiz:
1. Nostromo.
2. 86.
3. George Kennedy.
4. Arthur Carlson.
5. The Cleveland Indians.
6. Sweet Polly Purebread.
7. Marion Michael Morrison.
8. HAL 9000.
9. John Forsythe.
10. A reporter featured in a commercial for Milky Way candy bars.
11. Daisy.
12. Right field.
13. Renfield.
14. Jimmy Olsen.
15. Statler and Waldorf.
16. Major Margaret Houlihan.
17. Groucho Marx.
18. 15.
19. Jets and Sharks.
20. Mrs. Hudson.

Scale:
18-20 Correct - Trivia Master
14-17 Correct - Terrific
10-13 Correct - Very Good